NUMB. D.

The SPECTATOR.

hæc natas adjice septem,
Et totidem juvenes, & mox generósque nurúsque.
Quærite nunc, habeat quam nostra superbia causam:
Ov. Met.

Friday, *October* 3. 1712.

SIR,

YOU, who are so well acquainted with the Story of *Socrates*, must have read how, upon his making a Discourse concerning Love, he pressed his Point with so much Success that all the Batchelors in his Audience took a Resolution to Marry by the first Opportunity, and that all the married Men immediately took Horse and galloped home to their Wives. I am apt to think your Discourses, in which you have drawn so many agreeable Pictures of Marriage, have had a very good Effect this way in *England*. We are obliged to you at least, for having taken off that Senseless Ridicule, which for many Years the Witlins of the Town have turned upon their Fathers and Mothers. For my own part, I was born in Wedlock, and I don't care who knows it: For which Reason, among many others, I should look upon my self as a most Insufferable Coxcomb, did I endeavour to maintain that Cuckoldom was inseparable from Marriage, or to make use of *Husband* and *Wife* as Terms of Reproach. Nay, Sir, I will go one Step further, and declare to you before the whole World, that I am a married Man, and at the same time I have so much Assurance as not to be ashamed of what I have done.

'Among the several Pleasures that accompany this State of Life, and which you have described in your former Papers, there are two you have not taken Notice of, and which are seldom cast into the Account, by those who write on this Subject. You must have observed, in your Speculations on Human Nature, that nothing is more gratifying to the Mind of Man than Power or Dominion, and this I think my self amply possessed of, as I am the Father of a Family. I am perpetually taken up in giving out Orders, in prescribing Duties, in hearing Parties, in Administring Justice, and in distributing Rewards and Punishments. To speak in the Language of the Centurion, *I say unto one, go and he goeth, and to another, come, and he cometh, and to my Servant do this and he doeth it*. In short, Sir, I look upon my Family as a Patriarchal Sovereignty, in which I am my self both King and Priest. All great Governments are nothing else but Clusters of these little private Royalties, and therefore I consider the Masters of Families as small Deputy-Governors presiding over the several little Parcels and Divisions of their Fellow-Subjects. As I take great Pleasure in the Administration of my Government in particular, so I look upon my self not only as a more useful, but as a much greater and happier Men than any Batchelor in *England* of my own Rank and Condition.

'There is another accidental Advantage in Marriage, which has likewise fallen to my Share, I mean the having a multitude of Children. These I cannot but regard as very great Blessings. When I see my little Troop before me, I rejoice in the Additions which I have made to my Species, to my Country, and to my Religion, in having produced such a number of reasonable Creatures, Citizens, and Christians. I am pleased to see my self thus perpetuated, and as there is no Production comparable to that of an human Creature, I am more proud of having been the Occasion of ten such glorious Productions, than if I had built an hundred Pyramids at my own Expence, or published as many Volumes of the finest Wit and Learning. In what a beautiful Light has the Holy Scripture represented *Abdon*, one of the Judges of *Israel*, who had forty Sons and thirty Grandsons, that rode on Threescore and Ten Ass-Colts, according to the Magnificence of the Eastern Countries? How must the Heart of the old Man rejoice, when he saw such a beautiful Procession of his own Descendents, such a numerous Cavalcade of his own

' own raiſing? For my own part, I can ſit in my ' Parlour with great Content, when I take a ' Review of half a dozen of my little Boys mounted upon Hobby-Horſes, and of as many little Girls ' tutoring their Babies; each of them endeavouring ' to excell the reſt, and to do ſomething that may ' gain my Favour and Approbation. I cannot ' queſtion but he who has bleſſed me with ſo many ' Children, will aſſiſt my Endeavours in providing for them. There is one thing I am able ' to give each of them, which is a virtuous Education. I think it is Sir *Francis Bacon*'s Obſervation, that in a numerous Family of Children ' the eldeſt are often ſpoiled by the Proſpect of an ' Eſtate, and the youngeſt by being the Darling of ' the Parent; but that ſome one or other in the ' middle, who has not perhaps been regarded, has ' made his Way in the World, and over-topp'd the ' reſt. It is my Buſineſs to implant in every one ' of my Children the ſame Seeds of Induſtry, and ' the ſame honeſt Principles. By this Means I ' think I have a fair Chance, that one or other ' of them may grow conſiderable in ſome or other ' way of Life, whether it be in the Army, or in ' the Fleet, in Trade, or any of the three learned ' Profeſſions; for you muſt know, Sir, that from ' long Experience and Obſervation, I am perſwaded of what ſeems a Paradox to moſt of thoſe ' with whom I converſe, namely, that a Man who ' has many Children, and gives them a good Education, is more likely to raiſe a Family, than he ' who has but one, notwithſtanding he leaves him ' his whole Eſtate. For this Reaſon I cannot forbear amuſing my ſelf with finding out a General, ' an Admiral, or an Alderman of *London*, a Divine, ' a Phyſician, or a Lawyer, among my little People ' who are now perhaps in Petticoats; and when I ' ſee the Motherly Airs of my little Daughters ' when they are playing with their Puppets, I cannot but flatter my ſelf that their Husbands and ' Children will be happy, in the poſſeſſion of ſuch ' Wives and Mothers.

' If you are a Father, you will not perhaps think ' this Letter impertinent; but if you are a ſingle ' Man, you will not know the Meaning of it, and ' probably throw it into the Fire; whatever you ' determine of it, you may aſſure your ſelf that it ' comes from one who is

Your moſt humble Servant,

and Well-wiſher,

Philogamus.

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